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SUBJECT: NASA FERRY FLIGHT CLEARANCE

1. REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL OF CANADA AND NASA CONCERNING THE NASA SOUNDING ROCKET PROGRAM AT THE CHURCHILL RANGE. A SPECIAL EVENT CONCERNING AURORA PHENOMENON HAS BEEN DISCOVERED IN THE LAST TWO WEEKS WHICH WILL REQUIRE SOUNDING ROCKET LAUNCH BETWEEN 4 AND 7 APRIL 1977. THERE IS A REQUIREMENT TO TRANSPORT EIGHT PROGRAM SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO CHURCHILL RANGE ON APRIL 3 TO PARTICIPATE IN SUBJECT LAUNCH.

2. PROPOSED FERRY FLIGHT: A. NASA C-54, NUMBER 438NA.

B. ITINERARY

ETA - ORIGINATE WOLLOPS (KWAL) ETD - 03/1100

ETA - 03/1630 THUNDERBAY (CYQT) ETD - 03/1830

ETA - 03/2300 CHURCHILL (CYYQ) ETD - 07/1300

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ETA - 07/1800 DULUTH (KDLH) ETD - 07/2000

ETA - 08/0130 WOLLOPS (KWAL) ETD - TERMINATE

C. A/C CREW OF FIVE PLUS EIGHT PROGRAM SUPPORT PERSONNEL.
ALL U.S. CITIZENS.

D. GROUND SUPPORT AT CHURCHILL: 1000 GALLONS OF 100 OCT

FUEL AND 20 GALLONS AV/LUBE. HANGER SPACE IF POSSIBLE.

3. THERE ARE NO RPT NO EXTERIOR SENSORS ON A/C. CARGO WILL BE SEVEN BOXES OF INSTRUMENTS FOR USE WITH SOUNDING ROCKET LAUNCH.

4. BECAUSE THE AURORA PHENOMENON HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEEN DISCOVERED AND THE NEED FOR SCIENTIFIC OBSERVATION IS OF URGENCY, NORMAL PRE-NOTIFICATION OF AIRCRAFT FLIGHT COULD NOT BE MADE IN THIS CASE. PARA 2B, PAGE 12 OF THE NORTH AMERICAN FOREIGN CLEARANCE GUIDE INDICATES THAT FORMAL APPROVAL IS NOT REQUIRED FOR ROUTINE ADMINISTRATIVE TRANSPORTATION FLIGHTS. REQUEST EMBASSY ASCERTAIN IF THIS FLIGHT CAN BE CONDUCTED PER CITED PARAGRAPH AND ADVISE. IF PARA NOT APPLICABLE REQUEST FORMAL APPROVAL BE SOUGHT.

5. NASA HAS ADVISED ALL CENTERS OF PROPER NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS PER RECENT GOC REQUEST. PROPOSED FLIGHT NOT A DATA GATHERING MISSION BUT MERELY ADMINISTRATIVE FERRY FLIGHT IN FURTHERANCE OF USG/GOC COOPERATIVE PROGRAM.

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